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Edited by JOHN R. RICE.

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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John 3:16

Heart-Moving Messages on the
Best-Loved Text in the Bible



By the late Robert L. Moyer

Dean of Northwestern Schools; Pastor of First Baptist Church, Minneapolis

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

CHAPTER FOUR

That He Gave . . .

The world knows something about gifts. "Philanthropy" is a common word. It means "love of man." A philanthropist is one who gives that which may help man, he gives to promote happiness or the social elevation of man. A man may be philanthropic without having any real love, or without doing much good. A philanthropist's gifts may be administered through committees. We have read a great deal, recently, of the gifts of Rockefeller. You might say that a great university was born out of this man's gifts. Carnegie gave millions for the establishment of libraries, and you find them everywhere. He gave that the poor as well as the rich might read, study, learn. There are others whose benefactions have been printed in the columns of the newspapers, and in magazines. These men have given much. Society says so. These men have given much. Platform, press and pulpit say so. These men have given much? Who says they have given much? How many philanthropists have ever missed a meal because of their giving? How many have had to go without luxuries because of their giving? How much did their giving cost them?

You may have heard of the humble Scotch woman who lived for many years on porridge that she might give to missions the cost of her comforts and luxuries. One day a friend gave her sixpence to "buy a chop," as he said. She looked at it, then said, "I have got on very well on porridge so far, and I think I'll just stick to it, and give the sixpence to missions." Have you ever given a chop for Christ's sake? John Howard said something on Christian giving that is well worth repeating: "We must learn to give of our luxuries to supply the comforts of others; our comforts to supply their necessities; and even our necessities to supply their extremities."

In the temple, rich men came and cast in much; and then came a poor widow who cast in two mites—less than half a cent. The world would speak of the large gifts of the rich men, and ignore the insignificant gift of the widow, but our Lord said: "Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living" (Mark 12:41-44). She gave. Giving, in the sight of God, costs.

Well, we talk about our giving. We pay a thousand dollars for a

car, and give ten dollars to missions; so much do we love the world. We pay ten dollars for a hat, and give a dime to missions; so much do we love the world.

God so loved the world that He

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

Again we plead for the daily prayer support of God's people. In a large and blessed way, the Lord has used THE SWORD to stir up revivals, to defend the faith, to inspire Christians, to call out workers. If ever there was needed a gospel weekly paper with the power of God on it to call Christians back to Christ, away from worldliness and false doctrine and cults, and to teach and inspire New Testament Christianity in the miracle-working power of God—that time is now. How unworthy, how incapable we are of doing this! Only God's power, God's wisdom can make us adequate. Will you not make this a daily matter of prayer, as a Christian duty and privilege?

Our Birthday Coming Up

September 28 will be the twenty-third anniversary of the founding of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Elsewhere you will have noticed our earnest words about "Investment Evangelism." We trust that many Christians, thousands, will

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Brunner An Infidel

Neo-Orthodox Deniers of the Inspiration and Authority of Scripture Are Not Christians, Not to Be Fellowshiped

By Missionary to Japan, Gerald Johnson
Karuizawa, Japan

There have been many books written in criticism of the Neo-orthodox theology of Barth and Brunner—and there ought to be, since the teachings of these two men are so highly blasphemous. Yet there is a weakness on the part of some to separate the man from his teaching. Belief determines character. What a man believes, he is. Hence, if a man's doctrines and beliefs are false, he himself is false—his heart is wrong and dishonest. This is particularly true of the followers of the Neo-orthodox movement. They are not misguided intellectuals who are earnestly seeking truth, but devils and wolves in sheep's clothing. Their avowed purpose is to destroy orthodox Christianity, fundamentalism. This is clearly revealed as one examines their writings. They are not innocent lambs, and it is wrong for us to consider them as Christians. Their teachings are false and unchristian and they themselves are infidels.

To Accept Neo-Orthodox Deniers of the Bible as Christian Brethren Is Forbidden

Charles Ryrie has written a small book as a criticism on the

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\$1,600 For Ten Sermons in Evangelistic Sermon Contest

Sword Offers Cash Awards of From \$300 to \$100 for Best Sermons Addressed to the Unsaved. Due Before December 1, 1957

By Editor John R. Rice

It is our constant prayer that we may publish in THE SWORD OF THE LORD the greatest gospel sermons ever written. We believe that we do publish more good evangelistic sermons than any other Christian magazine. But we want to improve the quality of THE SWORD OF THE LORD continually. We want to publish each week at least one sermon addressed to the unsaved by one of the greatest preachers in the world. So we here announce the

1957 Annual Sword Evangelistic Sermon Contest

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE? Some will doubt, at first, the wisdom of cash awards for prize-winning sermons. But a little consideration will show that there are good scriptural reasons for such a contest.

1. The Bible plainly says that "the labourer is worthy of his reward" (I Tim. 5:18). So a reward for the earnest labor and prayer and study which it takes to write out a Bible sermon in the power of God ought to be rewarded.

Again the Scripture says, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (I Cor. 9:14). If a man should spend all his time writing blessed sermons and

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The Gifts of Christ

By Rev. Arthur Petrie, Th.D.

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1. "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."—John 10:28.

2. "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."—John 4:10.

3. "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."—John 6:27.

4. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."—John 14:27.

5. "For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me . . . I have given them thy word . . ."—John 17:8, 14.

A very wealthy person once entrusted a minister of the Gospel with a large sum of money, instructing him that he was to use it to help any poor and needy ones that might come to him. The minister's service was delightful, for all he had to do was to pass on to others out of the abundance that was entrusted to him.

This fact has more than a parallel in the Person of Christ. The Bible assures us that "in him dwelleth all the fulness of the godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9). Another Scripture tells us that "of [out of, Greek] his fulness have all we received" (John 1:16). God the Father has put all the fullness of Himself in His Son, Jesus Christ, and out of that fullness Christ ministers to the poor and needy ones who come to Him.

In this sermon I am going to tell you of some of the gifts that Christ gives to those who go to Him in faith for them. Remember that all the fullness of the Godhead is in Him, and when we get anything from God, we get it out of the fullness that dwells in Christ. We shall find them all in the Gospel of John.

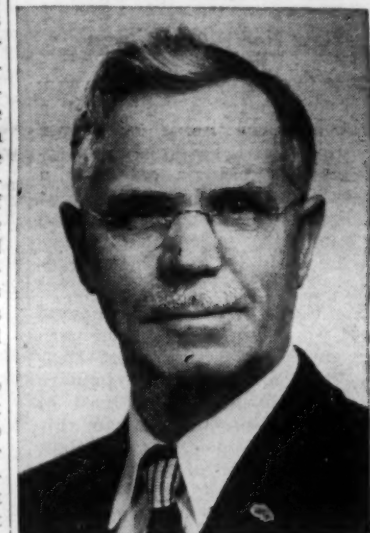
1. Eternal Life

"And I give unto them eternal

life."—John 10:28

This is what He came for: "I am come that they might have

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Dr. Arthur Petrie

We Know This Work Wins Souls

In the first seven months of 1957, 461 people have written us saying that they found Christ through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and Sword of the Lord literature! This work actually wins souls! An average of three letters comes every workday from such people who write to tell us that they have just taken Christ as Saviour through sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD and other literature sent out by the Sword of the Lord Foundation.

We ask readers to help celebrate the twenty-third anniversary of THE SWORD OF THE LORD on September 28, by sending gifts for "Investment Evangelism." We hope to have \$50,000 capital investment given by that time. For twenty-three years we have struggled along, keeping THE SWORD OF THE LORD going, from hand to mouth. We have given away tens of thousands of dollars' worth of free literature. We have sent THE SWORD OF THE LORD through our Ministers and Missionary Sub-

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Gerald Johnson



Incidents and Illustrations

By

Evangelist Robert L. Sumner

Contributing Editor

Idleness and Alcoholism

I don't know whether Dr. Albert M. Schnell of the University of California and Dr. Cecil C. Watson of the University of Minnesota were taught by their mothers that "idleness is the Devil's workshop," but that is where they place the blame for California's leading the nation in alcoholism and cirrhosis of the liver! They declare that "too much idleness and too much luxury" in California have given it the highest rate of alcoholism and cirrhosis of the liver in the nation, followed by Massachusetts in second place and New York in third. They listed San Francisco as the leading city in California for the two afflictions and commented that a San Francisco health officer had discovered the same truth, adding that the city's suicide rate is highest in the nation. Doctors Schnell and Watson called the three symptoms—alcoholism, cirrhosis and suicide—"the disease of disenchantment."

They also had a word about women drinking—they shouldn't! Dr. Schnell commented, "In almost every other way woman is a better biologic organism than man. She can stand everything better—except drinking!" The Book says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

How Beautiful Heaven Must Be!

Just in case any SWORD of the LORD readers are in the market, a fellow by the name of Harry Winston has a 128½ carat tear-shaped diamond on sale for a mere \$2 million. He claims that this gem, which weighs less than an ounce, has no equal anywhere in the world for purity and brilliance.

Yet the beauty of this diamond does not begin to compare with the glorious description of Heaven found in the last two chapters of the Bible. Try to contrast in your imagination, if you can, this puny diamond weighing less than an ounce with a solid pearl measuring an hundred and forty and four cubits high, forming just one of the gates in the New Jerusalem. And don't forget the walls are of jasper, the streets are of pure gold like transparent glass, clear as crystal, the foundations of the city are garnished with all manner of precious stones: jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprasus, jacinth, and

amethyst! Yes, how beautiful Heaven must be!

China Divorce Rates Skyrocket

Communist China is gleefully gloating over the rapidly rising rate of divorces in their land. When the Red regime took over they established new marriage laws in 1950. Since that time the recorded divorces have been:

186,000 in 1951
409,000 in 1952
790,000 in 1953
823,000 in 1954
900,000 in 1955

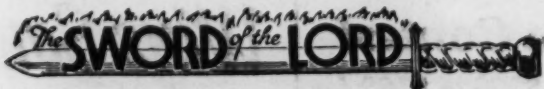
The People's Daily, which gave these figures, quoted a communist jurist as saying: "Marriage is too often wrongly regarded as a result of love rather than a union founded on a common political understanding and mutual endeavor in building up socialism. Love for love's sake is entirely bourgeois concept."

Yet The Saturday Evening Post recently declared that the divorce rate in America was second to no other nation in the world. The Reds in China seemingly cannot keep pace with the immorality of the capitalists in America! Yet the dear Lord Jesus said, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder . . . whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband and be married to another, she committeth adultery" (Mark 10:9, 11, 12).

The Secret of Bible Study

1. Study it through. Never begin a day without mastering a verse.
2. Pray it in. Never leave your Bible until the passage you have studied is a prayer of your very own life.
3. Put it down. The thought God gives you, put in the margin of your Bible or your notebook.
4. Work it out. Live the truth you get through all the hours of the day.
5. Pass it on. Seek to tell somebody what you have learned.

—J. Wilbur Chapman



AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING REVIVAL WEEKLY

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With the EVANGELISTS

By the Editor

We have two good reports of revivals held by EVANGELIST ROBERT L. SUMNER, Box 3, Pana, Illinois. Rev. Grady E. Estes, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Klamath Falls, Oregon, reports a good meeting with Brother Sumner, July 2 through 14. Although this time included the July 4th holiday season, the attendance was very good. During the revival there were 14 who came for baptism, and 4 joined the church by letter. The results are outstanding, since the church had been in a revival with the pastor preaching just six weeks before Brother Sumner came.

Rev. Arthur Houk, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tumwater, Washington, reports a blessed, Spirit-led revival with Brother Sumner, July 16 through 28. As a result of the meeting, 8 were baptized into the membership of the church, 3 others were saved, and 22 saved people put away definite sin in their lives. One unsaved man whose wife was a Christian heard Brother Sumner's message on Hell and was so deeply under conviction that he was not able to work for two days until he was saved. The pastors of both these churches highly recommend Brother Sumner as a powerful, scriptural, and church-building evangelist.

Rev. Carl Storey, pastor of the Rock Springs Baptist Church of Apopka, Florida, reports a good meeting held by EVANGELIST HENRY TATUM, associate of Dr. E. J. Daniels of Orlando, Florida. The revival was sponsored by the brotherhoods and pastors of the Baptist people in the Apopka area. During the two weeks, there were decisions every night of the meeting and people saved every night except one. Of the 78 persons making decisions, 36 were for salvation, 10 for assurance of salvation, 11 for full-time Christian service, and 16 were rededications of the life to Christ.

EVANGELIST G. P. SCHELLING of Box 714, Max Meadows, Virginia, reports a good revival held in the Middlefork Community Church of Middlefork, Indiana, where Rev. Russell L. Schelling is pastor. In addition to a number of rededications, there were 9 definite conversions to Christ during the nine-day meeting. The church is not yet organized, but has usually 50 to 60 in Sunday School.

Rev. Robert E. Persson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, reports a fine meeting with EVANGELIST DON WILSON and a team from Bob Jones University. The tent meeting was originally scheduled to run two weeks and went on to a third week. During the meeting there were 20 first-time decisions, 5 rededications to Christ, and 8 who surrendered for full-time Christian service, with 3 of the 8 going to a Christian college this fall. The pastor highly recommends Evangelist Don Wilson as a God-called, soul-winning evangelist. Evangelist Wilson has just received his B.D. degree from Bob Jones University this past June and now is out in full-time evangelistic work. He preaches hard against modernism and sin. God richly used him to revive the saints and to give the church the greatest soul-saving campaign in its history.

The Crusaders for Christ gospel team from Tennessee Temple Schools recently held a good four-day meeting in the Lockery Memorial Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Alabama, where Rev. Bill Hale is pastor. During the meeting, God blessed with 12 souls saved and 25 rededications to Christ.

Rev. Jake Setser, pastor of the Dellview Baptist Church of San (Continued on page 7)

A Noble Missionary's Encouragement

From a missionary in the Orient whose name would be known to multitudes, should I publish it, comes a most comforting and discerning letter. But best of all, this man who is a noble and greatly used servant of Christ and his wife and children have agreed to pray for me daily and hold me up before God. How I do need the prayers of friends that I may, be true, that I may be kind, that I may have upon me the power of God.

Now read the letter:

"My dear Dr. Rice,

"Thank you so much for taking the trouble to answer my recent letter. I did not expect it; knowing and realizing how many extra letters there would be on account of your accident. Now please do not bother to answer this one. I must not add anything more to your burdens.

"The May 17 and May 24 SWORDS have just reached me, containing further articles on Billy Graham. I also profited from reading Dr. Parker's article on 'The New Modernism,' and intend to write and tell him so. Dr. Rice, I can't help feeling that Satan is going to make a powerful attempt to assail you with doubts about your part in the battle you now find yourself in the thick of. I think you are going to lose some more friends and get called some more names. I think you are going to lose some subscribers—and maybe a little sleep and your appetite, and perhaps even some money on top of that! But my dear, dear friend whom I met at Calvary and with whom I stand gratefully at the foot of His cross, please, please do not give up! I want to pledge to you now that [his wife] and I and the children will be praying for you personally every day during our devotions—without fail.

"I think, Dr. Rice, that one of the unrecognized causes of the difficulty into which the 'new evangelicals' have fallen is a worship of success. If it is big and attracts attention and gets newspaper

space and has everybody talking and is approved by the majority, it must be of God. Personally, I am sobered by Jude's prophecy concerning those 'having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.' And I note with interest that these are the ones whom the word 'separate' is used with and unholy connotation (v. 19) since they are said to be sensual and without the Spirit. I know that I was not saved through a gospel that requires the endorsement of millionaires and movie stars, and when I turned my life over to Jesus it was never with any promises that I wouldn't be lonely sometimes and suffer sometimes and [be] thought peculiar sometimes and have most of the rest of the crowd against me much of the time.

"The philosophy that 'I'm going to love everybody and make everybody love me' sounds good, but it has some terrible pitfalls, and I fear that some notable men have fallen in.

"Well, this is the kind of subject on which a fellow should continue ad infinitum. I will spare you. I just want to say again 'God bless you.' I want to encourage you and to thank God for you. Pray for us that our message . . . will be plain and clear and true. If we're going to have any trumpets that make an uncertain sound, we want them in our music department and not in our theology!

"Always, in Christ,"
(Signed)

Our READERS Say—

Remarkable Letters Telling of Blessings Through Reading Sword Literature

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Vice-President
Sword of the Lord Foundation

Each week here at the Sword of the Lord offices we receive hundreds of letters from all over the world. Some of these letters come from modernists who do not like our stand for the fundamentals of the faith. Some others come from Christian people who believe we take too plain a stand against sin and worldliness. But praise God, most of the letters which come to us are letters which tell of blessings received through reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD and other of our literature!

Sends SWORD to Motels and Filling Stations

Here is an unusual letter from Mr. Bruce Cogle, Jr., of Thomasville, Alabama. This letter came together with a check for 100 subscriptions.

"Dear Friends:

"I have just returned from a trip to California with my family. We have thought it would be nice to send THE SWORD to each motel where we stayed and each filling station where we stopped for gasoline. We have the name and address of each one. This would form a chain of SWORD subscriptions across the nation.

"I am enclosing our check now that it will reach you during present subscription drive. We will send names and addresses in a

few days.

"We will pray that God will use the testimony of THE SWORD to reach these people and others for Christ.

"Yours truly,"

(signed) Bruce Cogle, Jr.

"Whats" Used in Ohio Prison

This letter from a prison chaplain tells of using Dr. Rice's tract, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" with every man that comes to the large state prison.

"Dear Brother in Christ:

"I must take time from a busy schedule to write you a letter. This is not only to encourage you, but also to tell you that I appreciate your work. May God bless you with many more years of fruitful service.

"It is my privilege to be the chaplain at a large state prison and I have used your materials to a good advantage. Every man that comes in here is challenged for Christ and given one of your booklets, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' These have helped a lot of men in their thinking about eternal things. Your paper and booklets are also well read and we do appreciate them.

"Certainly the fields are white unto the harvest and the time is (Continued on page 3)

Sowing and Reaping

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—Ps. 126:5, 6.

Getting out the Gospel is spoken of many times in the Bible as sowing seed. "A sower went forth to sow," "The good seed is the word of God," etc.

We are told, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters . . ." (Isa. 32:20).

In the soul-winning business, there is a promise of reward. First, souls will be saved. We have the promise that "they that sow in tears shall reap in joy." We have the promise that those who go forth bearing the precious seed, and with tears, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them. And again we are told in Galatians 6:8 and 9, "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Ah, bless God, there will be souls saved for those who sow the seed with tears and burden and get out the Gospel widely with deep compassion.

Not only is the reaping here on earth, but there is a reaping in Heaven, there is a reaping during life everlasting!

So in Daniel 12:3 we are promised, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." How pleased the dear Lord Jesus will be with us, in our effort and our giving and our praying, if we put soul winning first, if we labor for the one thing dearest to the heart of Christ, that is, getting people saved.

We ask all who are burdened to win souls to help the Sword of the Lord. This, America's foremost revival weekly, exists for the purpose of getting out the Gospel, training soul winners, stirring revival fires, defending New Testament Christianity from cults and isms and modernists and com-

promisers. In Jesus' name, help us to win souls. Help us to sow the seed, and God will see that you are blessed in reaping, both on earth and in Heaven!

THE SWORD OF THE LORD has its twenty-third birthday on September 28, 1957. Will you prayerfully consider sending gifts, gifts loving and generous, as measured by your ability and the need and importance of this great soul-winning work? For every gift of \$23 or more for our twenty-third anniversary, we will send a beautiful framable certificate of your gift to "Investment Evangelism." But receipts will be sent for all gifts, and they are deductible from taxable income, as recognized by the United States Government.

Please help us to pay up all current bills and pray with us that, by large gifts, by bequests put into wills, and otherwise, the Sword of the Lord may soon receive adequate capital to carry on this great work. One man and a few helpers cannot do it all. And God will repay your sowing, done in His name, getting out the Gospel.

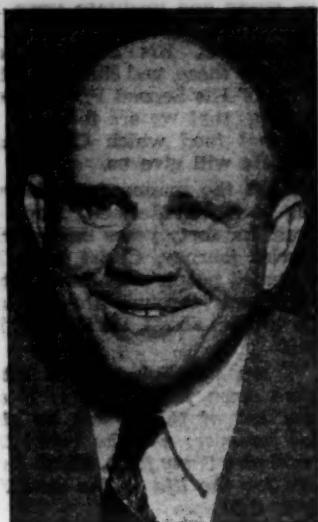
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Bible Study

Would it not be a foolish thing
To die of thirst, with this clear
spring
Of living water at my feet?
To starve when there is bread and
meat
And wine before me on the board,
A table spread by my dear Lord?
And would we think he has much
sense
Who hoarded only copper pence
When at his feet, and all around
Were diamonds sparkling on the
ground?

—Martha Snell Nicholson

NATION-WIDE BROADCAST



Hear famous "Voice of Temperance" on Temperance Sunday.

Dr. Sam Morris

Over N.B.C. Radio
Sunday, October 27

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4:15 P.M. P.S.T.

This Preacher Hates Controversy But . . .

We deeply appreciate the kindly letter from Rev. Philip W. Horne, pastor of The Evangel Baptist Church of Bridgeport, West Virginia.

He is glad that THE SWORD OF THE LORD has not forsaken the position on the front page of every issue, that we are for the fundamentals of the faith, and that the paper "Opposes Modernism, Worldliness and Formalism."

Brother Horne writes as follows:

"Dear Dr. Rice,

"For some 18 years now I have been reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD and you will never know how it has helped and guided me, along with Dr. Fuller and his Old Fashioned Revival Hour.

"I was pastor of my first church, believed the Bible from cover to cover, loved the Lord with all my heart and sincerely sought to preach Christ crucified, risen and coming again.

"Then came the subtle suggestion that I would never get far in this world as a fundamentalist. But THE SWORD started coming in to my home and helped me to sell out to God.

"Since that time we have endured much, been branded as a 'fundamentalist,' voted out of our church when hundreds of souls were being saved, laboured to establish a Gospel witness in this town from preaching under a willow tree three years ago, until now we have a nice basement sanctuary and a good congregation of sincere Christian men and women who have given much for what they believe.

"I am glad you have taken the stand you have against this present compromise. Had you done differently you would have sold many of us out who have also been chosen to bear the cross of His reproach.

"I dread and hate controversy and strife more than words can tell and have often wished to escape it. I love people, but I love God more. You have helped me to be true to His calling. Thank you sincerely.

"In Jesus' name,"

(Signed) Philip W. Horne

We Know This Work Wins Souls

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scription Gift Fund to thousands of missionaries, retired pastors, ministerial students, and national pastors in other countries. We have promoted revival, furnished inspiration and information for preachers. We have, by God's grace, helped to spark revivals all over America, and many think THE SWORD OF THE LORD has been the greatest single influence in bringing back city-wide campaigns, mass evangelism in America.

But all the time we have kept the paper going from hand to mouth. We have almost continually been behind on printing bills. We have carried on the work with borrowed capital. In this work which uses nearly a half million dollars a year, we have never had more than a fraction of the actual capital needed. Now we ask you to help us put the Sword of the Lord on its feet financially.

This is a nonprofit Christian foundation chartered under the laws of the State of Illinois, as of January 1, 1947. It is recognized by the United States Government so that gifts to it are deductible from taxable income. We invite the most careful investigation of the way we use God's money, the way the editor has given up all claim to the entire property and takes not a dollar of salary from the work, does not even take royalty on his books.

This work wins souls. It is unselfish, spiritual. It is devoted to getting out the Gospel, and defending the faith. God has put His obvious blessing on this work. Multiplied thousands of souls are won to Christ by those who are taught and inspired by THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Hundreds of revival campaigns are held which would never have been but for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. So directly and indirectly the Sword of the Lord Foundation deserves a place with those who feel led to support a nonprofit, sound, soul-win-

Our Readers Say

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short to labor. Your literature fills a real need and I hope you keep up the good work for Christ. . . .

"In Christ,"

(signed) Ralph Wiley

Protestant Chaplain

Pastor Uses SWORD Sermons

A good Georgia pastor writes to tell us how the Lord has blessed THE SWORD in his life as he uses sermon thoughts from the paper in his ministry.

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I am a SWORD subscriber and have used many of the sermons and thoughts in THE SWORD. I appreciate you as a Bible believer, a man who stands on his convictions and a great preacher and soul winner.

"I have used your sermon (more or less your outline) on 'The Unpardonable Sin' some ten times in revival meetings. The Power of God is upon it and God always seems to honor the message. . . ."

(signed) W. E. P.

Appreciates Billy Graham Articles

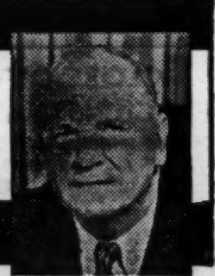
It is easy to see that our stand regarding the compromise which Billy Graham has made in the New York City Crusade would not (Continued on page 4)

ning work, just as a foreign missionary who actually wins souls, just as a soul-winning evangelist or home missionary deserves support.

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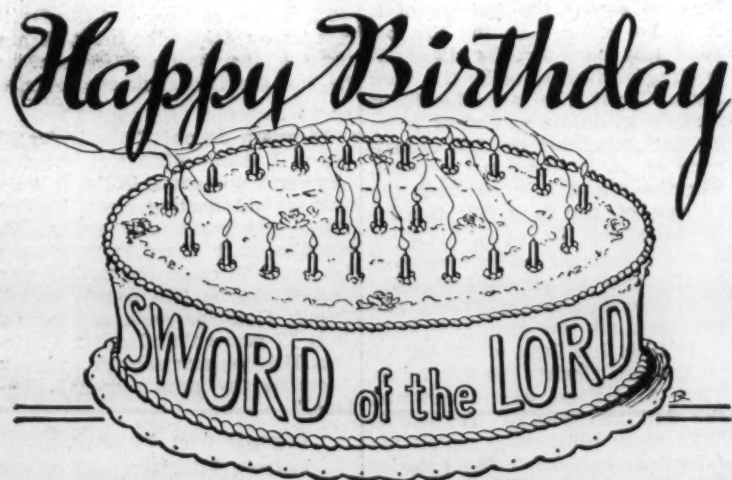
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The Gifts of Christ

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life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). A Japanese friend of mine, sitting in a gospel meeting in Fukuyama many years ago, heard those words, and looked to Jesus, and there and then received "life," and he received it "more abundantly," for he was healed in soul and body at the same time. I was there. Today he preaches the Christ who gave him that life.

The Lord Jesus says in John 17:2, "As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him." Eternal life is the gift of Christ. Eternal life is far more than enduring life and unending life. It is described in John 17:3 by the Lord Jesus Himself:

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

We have that eternal life as the gift of Christ; and this "life" is right life, good life, joyful life. This eternal life begins in us when we receive Christ, and its fullness will be realized when we pass beyond earth to Him in Heaven. When the great and good John Knox of Scotland lay on his deathbed, he turned to his wife, about five o'clock in the evening, and said, "Go, read where I first cast anchor." And without further direction she took up the Bible, and read these words: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus

Christ, whom thou hast sent." And he entered into that fuller eternal life that he had when he first accepted Jesus Christ as His Saviour.

2. Living Water

"If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."—John 4:10.

Note it: "living water," but coming to us through Christ, His gift to us. This is clear from John 4:14: "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Living water is a gift of Christ to all who go to Him for it. Life-giving, life-renewing, life-sustaining, life-reviving, living water the Lord Jesus has for you. Will you not go to Him and drink, and then drink again as each need for refreshing and reviving arises? "And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). Horatius Bonar of Scotland speaks so joyfully of this gift of Christ. He went to Christ for the living water, and got it, and sang of it in these words:

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold I freely give
The living water, thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and
live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
And now I live in Him.

By "living water" is also meant the Spirit. Christ came that He might minister the Spirit. "Christ can and will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him; for He received that He might give."

3. Spiritual Food

"Labour not for the meat [FOOD, Greek] which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall GIVE unto you."—John 6:27.

The food the Lord Jesus gives to us is spiritual, and for the sustaining and strengthening of the spiritual nature. Concerning this spiritual food, one of the earliest Church Fathers says, referring to the word that Jesus used here: "The food and drink of the Divine Word is the knowledge of the divine nature and Being." Christ gives us the food of knowledge and understanding of Himself. This is exactly what John says in I John 5:20:

"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are

in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This [THIS ONE, Greek] is the true God, and eternal life."

Christ gives us this spiritual food, this knowledge, this understanding of Himself through the great truths that make up the scheme of redemption. It is as we study and meditate upon His incarnation, His crucifixion, His resurrection, His ascension and ministry there, and the comforting truth of His Second Premillennial Coming, that we are fed with the spiritual food which Christ says that He will give us.

What the manna from Heaven was to the redeemed people of Israel for forty years during their pilgrim journey, Christ is to His redeemed people now during their pilgrimage through this present life to Him above. He Himself has said:

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."—John 6:51.

And then He explained what He meant by that saying, when He perceived that it was not understood. He said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). Will you not take and eat the words of life that Christ has made available for you? Spiritually, you will become like what you eat! That is the teaching of Gerhardt Ter Steegen in these lines:

Man, earthy of the earth, an-
hungered feeds
On earth's dark poison tree—
Wild gourds, and deadly roots, and
bitter weeds;
And as his food is he,
And hungry souls there are, that
find and eat
God's manna day by day—
And glad they are, their life is
fresh and sweet,
For as their food are they.

4. Peace

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."—John 14:27.

The peace that is here stated to be the gift of Christ is more than the peace that He gives to us through forgiveness of sins or through justification. That peace we have stated in Romans 5:1—"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." That peace, the woman, "which was a sinner," got when she accepted Christ, and when He said to her: "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace" (Luke 7:37, 50). It is the peace you may have, too, upon confession of your sins, and accepting Christ as your sin-bearer.

But there is a deeper peace which Christ will give you: it is the "peace" of John 14:27. It is a peculiar peace which Jesus had. Literally it reads, "The peace that is mine I give unto you." It is the peace that sees the storm coming and remains calm. It is the peace of which Frances Ridley Havergal sings:

Like a river glorious
Is God's perfect peace;
Over all victorious
In its bright increase;
Perfect—yet it floweth
Fuller every day;
Perfect—yet it groweth
Deeper all the way.

It is the peace that remains peaceful when the storm has come. When the Lord Jesus spoke these words, He was facing Gethsemane, the rabble crowds, the mock trial, the scourging, the antagonism of demon hosts—all that; yet He said, "My peace I give unto you." Will you not take this deeper peace from Him as His gift, and make the prayer of Whittier your prayer?

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain
and stress,
And let our ordered lives con-
fess
The beauty of Thy peace.

5. The Word of God

"I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them . . . I

have given them thy word."—John 17:8, 14.

The Word of God is another gift of Christ to us. And what a gift it is! Jesus Christ Himself is called "the Word," and also "The Word of God" (John 1:1 and Rev. 19:13). The whole Bible is the Word of God, and this Word has come to us through Christ. The Scriptures, the books of the Old Testament and the books of the New Testament, are the gift of Christ to the human race. What are you doing with this gift? What use are you making of it? Or is it to you an unused gift? "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col. 3:16). If you do, then you will soon come to know the value of this gift. True love letters are valued. The Bible is a love message, the love message of God through Christ to you. True love letters are read and reread. So is the love message of the Bible by all those who value it as the very gift of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A scientist exploring in Wales knocked at the door of a cottage. A girl answered his knock, and the scientist asked for a drink of water. The girl said, "Come in, mother will give you a glass of milk." The scientist entered the cottage, and observed that the girl was reading her Bible. She had been doing that when he knocked at the door. He said to her,

"I see you are doing your task." She replied, "Oh no, I love to read the Bible."

"Do you read the Bible because you love to, or because it is a task assigned you? William W. How knew that the Bible is the "gift divine." Writing on the "Word of God" in his famous hymn, he says:

The church from her dear Master,
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the Heaven-drawn picture
Of thee, the living Word.

6. Glory

"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them."—John 17:22.

Glory is a gift of Christ. We should never have known anything of glory if Christ had not obtained it for us. The earnest of this glory is received now and here on earth: the fullness of it is to be realized in the life beyond this one, for Christians. It is already given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ, like an inheritance already given to an infant heir: we patiently wait the full experience of it in the age to come, like the infant heir awaiting the coming of age to enjoy the inheritance left it.

Christ is now glorified; we shall in His time be glorified together with Him. But we shall never forget that all the glory we shall then have has been obtained for us through Christ, His gift to us. Then Christians will understand the full meaning of the words, "The glory which thou gavest me I have given them." The promise is: "The Lord will give grace and glory" (Ps. 84:11). Grace for all our life on earth; glory for all our life in Heaven. Our glory will consist in being with Christ, beholding and sharing His glory in Heaven.

Just before he passed away from this world, John Owen, the famous Puritan father, said: "I shall see the glory of Christ today in a fuller and more glorious manner than it was possible to behold it here below."

May the day of glory not find us, you and me, unworthy of the glory which Christ shall then give.

When by the gift of His infinite
grace,
I am accorded in Heaven a place,
Just to be there and to look in
His face,
Will thro' the ages be glory for
me.

Now thanks be unto God for these unspeakable gifts—the gift of ETERNAL LIFE, the gift of LIVING WATER, the gift of SPIRITUAL FOOD, the gift of PEACE, CHRIST'S OWN PEACE, the gift of THE WORD OF GOD, and the gift of GLORY!

—THE END—

Our Readers Say

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be understood by some folk. Some have written criticizing us for printing these articles. But here are two letters which praise us for our stand. The first letter is from a missionary couple working under The Evangelical Alliance Mission in South America.

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"We appreciate your courage in your open rebuke of Billy Graham and his spirit of compromise and your firmness in standing true to the faith. As young missionaries we have felt for a long time this tendency to water down the Gospel to make it more appealing to the modernists and make our testimonies more 'acceptable' to the world. We canceled our subscription to *Christian Life* long ago, and after the first two copies of *Christianity Today* came out, my husband lost interest in reading it because of the modernistic taint. He unconsciously turned to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* and *Moody Monthly* for his sermon helps. Thank God that you are standing true, and with you our hearts are grieved over the subtle changes in the Christian literature and many of the leaders in evangelical circles.

"We pray that Billy Graham might read your article prayerfully. May God help him to wake up before his ministry is ruined. We are praying for him . . . and for you that you might soon be fully recovered. We thank the Lord that He has allowed you to continue your ministry in these crucial days. . . ."

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dyk

"Dear Brother Rice:

"As I read *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, June 28, I had to write this letter.

"First I read the article on the Ecumenical Evangelism, or the 'Universal Church of the World' . . .

"God bless you, and keep you in good health is my daily prayer. Keep the banner of true evangelism high.

"Reading on the article, 'Letters About Graham Crusade,' I love Brother Graham, and know he is a man of God. But the Devil has many tricks he uses. I am praying for Brother Graham, so he can see this slick compromise . . .

"I was a devout Catholic for 30 years, I know what this religion teaches. I was saved in Dr. Zoller's tent revival meeting. Dear Brother Rice, you were the evangelist, pleading with tears in your eyes for souls to come forward. I was one of maybe 200 people saved. Thank God for such a miracle. It is 17 years that I am a Christian. It is joy unspeakable to know Jesus as my own personal Saviour."

(signed) Ann Attaman,
Detroit, Michigan

These are but a few of the wonderful letters we receive day after day here at the Sword of the Lord offices. I believe that every earnest Christian who wants to make his time and money count for the Lord in souls saved and lives changed ought to feel a definite responsibility for the work of the Sword of the Lord Foundation. Everyone can pray and ought to remember daily Editor John R. Rice and the staff here in Wheaton. Then there are many who will want to have a part with us in the "Investment Evangelism Campaign" which is mentioned elsewhere in this issue of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. Won't you ask God to show you what He would have you to do to extend the soul-winning ministry of this work?

There is a place where Jesus sheds
The oil of gladness on our heads;
A place, than all besides more
sweet—

It is the blood-bought mercy seat.

—Hugh Stowell

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Brunner An Infidel

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Neo-orthodox theology. He capably exposes the false teachings, yet makes the following statement which is typical of the attitudes of many toward the teachers of Neo-orthodox theology. "Some words of caution are in order . . . beware of condemning men. One should not say that these men [Neo-orthodox, i.e. Brunner, Barth, Niebuhr, etc.] are not Christians."

In other words, we are told to follow the line of "co-existence." We don't believe their teachings, yet will look on them as nice, respectable Christians, maybe have them speak in our seminary, or co-operate with them in a revival campaign. This type of attitude—"I cannot accept the man's teachings, but will not condemn the man himself"—is a dangerous and hurtful error. We ought to be as explicit as the Bible.

Galatians 1:9: "As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

Second John 9 to 11: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

The battle with Neo-orthodoxy is on and the conflict centers on THE VERBAL INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES. These men (Neo-orthodox) have their axes sharpened and are taking pains to attack this doctrine in particular. They hate fundamentalists because fundamentalists believe in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures.

Brunner Denies Inspiration and Reliability of Scripture

Let the words of Emil Brunner speak for him. In a subtle use of language, Brunner attempts to prove that one who believes in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures—the Bible as final authority—is mistaken and in the same class as the Roman Catholics who hold the pope as their final authority. He says: "A legalistic, immutable authority, such as the human desire for security, would so gladly possess—and indeed is offered in the orthodox doctrine of the Scriptures as an axiomatic authority, or in the Catholic doctrine of the infallible doctrinal authority of the pope—is thus denied to us. The word of Scripture is not the final court of appeal, since

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Lake Louise Conference Grounds to Remain Non-Denominational

R. G. LeTourneau, president of the LeTourneau Foundation, today revealed that negotiations have ended in the proposed sale of Lake Louise Conference Grounds at Toccoa, Georgia.

The area, which for 17 years has served as a summer conference center for religious groups throughout the Southeast, "will continue to be available to any denomination requiring the facilities."

Mr. LeTourneau, founder and president, noted that negotiations until recently were under way to convey title of the grounds to the North Georgia Methodist Conference. Negotiations ended, however, when the Methodist group elected to place added emphasis on its various other programs, and to suspend some of its expansion plans in the conference field.

Reservations for religious groups wishing to use the facilities during the coming year will continue to be accepted by Rev. Walter Knowles, manager.

The area is located at Toccoa, Georgia, 90 miles northeast of Atlanta.

Evangelistic Sermon Contest

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articles used of God to win souls, it would be perfectly proper for the man to be paid enough for his writings that he should live by them.

Again, in I Timothy 5:17 we are commanded, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." That Scripture says that some preachers ought to be rewarded more than others—"especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." Those who do the study and labor that is required to write out sermons, those who spend the time in prayer and have God's power upon them as they preach or write ought to be counted worthy of "double honour," the Scripture says. So it is proper to honor more anyone who labors and is blessed of God more in the preaching of the Word. We think it proper and honoring to God to reward those preachers who will help us by sending great evangelistic sermons to be published in **The Sword of the Lord**. The contest will simply select the best sermons for the winning of souls and the helping of others to win souls.

2. This contest will stimulate evangelistic preaching. Not only will preachers send us some 200 or 300 evangelistic sermons, as we believe they will, but many will be stimulated to write out sermons. Thousands of preachers will read these sermons and their hearts will be stirred to do better preaching to win souls, warn sinners, to invite people to be saved. These evangelistic sermons will stimulate soul-winning preaching everywhere people read the English language, we firmly believe.

3. We find that people will read these prize-winning sermons with more interest than if the same sermons were published and it were not known how really remarkable they are in value. The contest in which a few sermons are selected out of hundreds of others offered naturally gets the best sermons. And the fact that these are contest winners will get people to read them who otherwise might not read them. Thus we find that sinners will be saved, and Christians will be blessed through the publication of prize-winning sermons, people who otherwise might not be intrigued to read **The Sword of the Lord**.

The experience of years gone by has proved beyond a doubt that God blesses these sermon contests. So, to the glory of God, we announce the 1957 **Sword Evangelistic Sermon Contest**.

Great Prizes, Better Than Ever

We are offering \$1,600 in prizes for the best ten sermons. And we will offer to purchase at regular rates other sermons which we feel are worthy of publication and for which we have room in **THE SWORD**, besides these prize-winning sermons.

Notice this remarkable list of prizes:

- First prize-winning sermon, \$300.
- Second prize, \$250.
- Third prize, \$200.
- Fourth, fifth, and sixth prizes, \$150 each.
- Seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth prizes, \$100.

This makes a total of \$1,600 in prizes for the best ten evangelistic sermons published.

Rules of the Sermon Contest

1. All sermons must be original. They must be previously unpublished. And the author must get whatever permission is necessary for quotations used, and must give proper credit.
2. All sermons must be addressed to the unsaved with the evangelistic purpose of bringing lost sinners to conviction, or repentance, or saving faith in Christ, or for all these purposes. Only evangelistic sermons will count.
3. All sermons must be typewritten, double spaced on regular typewriter paper. Leave margins of at least one inch on top, sides, and bottom of each page. Use only one side of the paper. Name and address of the author are to be on the first page of each sermon.
4. No sermon will be considered which does not represent the out-and-out Bible-believer's viewpoint. Do not use your Scriptures from the Revised Standard Version. Do not quote known modernists with approval.
5. Prize-winning manuscripts become the property of the **Sword of the Lord**. The **Sword** will offer to purchase other sermons which we think we ought to have for publication in **THE SWORD**, even though they may not win a prize. All sermons offered which do not receive a prize and which are not purchased will be returned to the authors. We will endeavor to announce prize winners on or before February 1. The decision of the judges will be final.
6. Sermons should be preferably of average length; we suggest perhaps between 3,000 and 5,000 words, though this is not a binding rule.
7. Each sermon should be accompanied with a letter from the author giving his age, educational attainment, degrees, position, his books published, and his denominational affiliation.
8. All manuscripts must be in hand at the **Sword of the Lord** office on or before Dec. 1. Mail your manuscript so it will arrive in time.
9. We reserve the right to disregard any manuscript which is not suitable, which we regard as not true to the Bible. We also reserve the right to withhold any of the ten prizes if, in the opinion of the judges, no sermon is at hand worthy of that prize.

Great Benefits a Preacher May Receive From This Sermon Contest

We suggest that serious, spiritual, Bible-believing ministers, whether pastors, evangelists, or missionaries, would do well to enter this contest, provided they are willing to do the study and prayer and labor involved. We believe that preachers may have great blessing in writing out evangelistic sermons.

Writing a sermon guarantees an exactness of expression which you would probably not have in a spoken address.

In a written sermon you can search out and copy down the

Scriptures which you might not instantly find or have at hand in an extemporaneous message.

When once you have written down a sermon it is yours in a very peculiar and blessed way. Afterward, when you preach the message it is so clearly fixed in mind that you will find that language flows more freely, you say more exactly what you want to say.

Best of all, this study and prayer in such a serious matter are very fine heart discipline for the preacher. We think every preacher ought to frequently write out sermons. We do not advise that you read your sermons in the pulpit but you will certainly preach better extemporaneously in the pulpit following brief notes if you frequently write out your sermons and so develop the habit of very careful preparation, of selecting words and phrases and quotations ahead of time, giving exact quotations and definite scriptural references.

Those prizes are worth trying for! At least ten preachers will get a total of \$1,600. And it would be a tremendous honor to have your sermon selected in such a contest among the great preachers of the world. And think of the great joy of preaching the Gospel to thousands of families who get **THE SWORD OF THE LORD** all over the world! So, preachers, prayerfully consider whether or not you ought to enter this 1957 **Sword Evangelistic Sermon Contest**.

Extra copies of these contest rules may be had upon request. Address the **Sword of the Lord**, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois. And don't forget, your sermon must be in our hands on or before December 1, 1957.

Heavenly Refreshing

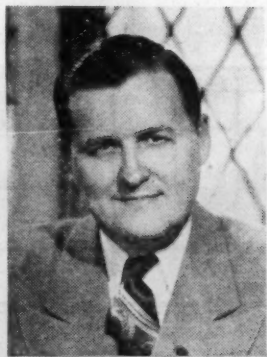
PUEBLO, COLORADO

September 29 - October 2

Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning Four Days, Free Beds and Meals for Preachers, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Hear Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Editor John R. Rice, and Rev. Joe Carlson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.



Rev. Joe Carlson



Dr. John R. Rice

Preachers, Christian workers, and all who long for a heavenly refreshing, particularly from the Rocky Mountain States, are invited to be the guests of the **Sword of the Lord** and the Park Hill Baptist Church, East Fifth and La Crosse Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado, for the four days September 29-October 2, Sunday through Wednesday.

This noble church and Pastor Grady L. Higgs will be host to the **Sword of the Lord** conference, and all who will come for part or all of the four-day feast of inspiration, information, and waiting on God for revival.

Brother Higgs asked us to say that on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights preachers from out of town will be given beds in the homes of the people, and free meals will be served at the church. September 29 will be home-coming day at the church and everyone is to bring his lunch and eat at the church and then be present in an afternoon mass meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Other features will be a special breakfast meeting for pastors and soul winners on Tuesday morning. A banquet for young people will be held Wednesday night at 5:30. Besides these there will be services from 9:30 until noon, and from 6:45 and following in the evening. There will be two messages each morning and two each evening.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

will be flying from California to speak in the conference Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, one of the most heart-moving and challenging speakers, filled with the Spirit, and speaking with life-changing power, in this generation.

Rev. Joe Carlson

will fly from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where he has done a remarkable work in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Tabernacle. This year the church has a missionary budget of \$40,000. In Toronto we saw him jam the big Avenue Road Church seating 1,700, Sunday after Sunday, and then Sunday evening after Sunday evening, and then follow with a second service of one thousand attendance. A strong Bible preacher, a successful soul winner, a most gifted musician, Brother Carlson will preach and sing and preside. And what a thrill for Christian young people!

Editor John R. Rice

will be speaking during the four days on soul winning, the power of the Holy Spirit, how to build a soul-winning church, and the price of revival.

PREACHERS WHO EXPECT FREE BEDS SHOULD WRITE AT ONCE TO PASTOR GRADY L. HIGGS, PARK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST FIFTH AND LA CROSSE AVENUE, PUEBLO, COLORADO. OF COURSE THE PUBLIC IS INVITED, AND HOW WE PRAY THE BREATH OF GOD WILL COME UPON US ALL IN MIGHTY POWER TO CLEANSE, REVIVE US, AND ENDUE US FOR SOUL WINNING.

Brunner An Infidel

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Jesus Christ Himself alone is this ultimate authority."

Brunner has the following to say about the Old Testament: "As far as the Scriptures of the Old Testament are concerned, the phrase 'Word of God' has far less final validity than in the New Testament. Here, indeed, the still greater variety and lack of unity of the teaching—and also of the narrative—warns us of the necessity for critical distinctions."

He goes on to say: "The result of our considerations is this: The Scriptures are the absolute authority, in so far as in them the revelation, Jesus Christ Himself, is supreme." In other words, only that part of the Scripture that makes Christ supreme is the Word of God. His language is full of subtlety but any thinking person can see he is using his axe to crack apart the final authority of the Scripture, and his teaching is directly contrary to II Timothy 3:10. He sums up this passage by saying: "A final resort to a single scriptural passage is impossible for us." Why, may we ask? Simply because Brunner does not hold the Bible to be the inspired Word of God.

"Reformation theology was right in setting up the biblical doctrinal authority above the ecclesiastical authority (pope) as their norm; but they were wrong, when they made the biblical doctrine their final unassailable authority, by identifying the Word of God with the words of the Bible." Brunner clearly goes on record against Calvin and the other great reformers. And why? Simply because these great men believed, as all good Christians do, that the Bible is the verbally-inspired Word of God.

Says Paul and Other Apostles Wrong in Believing Verbal Inspiration

Of course, to Brunner, Paul himself was wrong because Paul believed in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. And Brunner himself admits this. "From the very beginning the Christian Church possessed a sacred Scripture which had absolute canonical

authority: The Old Testament. Its authority was based upon the fact that it was the work of the Holy Spirit (II Tim. 3:16). The doctrine of verbal inspiration was already known to pre-Christian Judaism and was probably also taken over by Paul and the rest of the apostles."

So he admits Paul and the apostles believed in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. And naturally because they held to this "false conception" of the Scriptures being the verbally-inspired Word of God, Paul and the Apostles WERE WRONG. "When Paul expounds Deuteronomy 25:4 (I Cor. 9:9) by saying that these are not real 'oxen' but 'apostles,' then we must have the courage to say: at this point Paul is wrong. It is oxen and only oxen, and not apostles, that are meant. This is arbitrary 'allegorizing,' customary in the rabbinical schools. Here we must not follow Paul, any more than we can follow him in his idea of the vault of Heaven, which is that of the ancient world as a whole."

To say the least, we can only state that Brunner's teachings are BLASPHEMY.

His attack is against the fundamentalists, because it is the fundamentalist who believes in the final authority of the Scripture. "For him [the fundamentalist] the whole Bible is God's infallible oracle, and all that the apostles say has equal divine authority . . . we can only warn people most urgently against this confusion of thought, which inevitably leads us back to a religious position which the reformers had overcome. . ."

To Brunner, believing in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures is nothing less than leading us back into the dark middle ages. It is a dogma bringing us into slavery and preventing us from thinking! "Owing to its clerical or fundamentalist a priori outlook, for centuries orthodoxy has

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refused to face the problem: Why do we believe in Jesus the Christ? This is all part of the absence of a genuine missionary consciousness at a time when people were all 'Christians' as a matter of course. It was taken for granted that from the moment of one's baptism, one is a Christian. Hence the question: 'How does anyone become a Christian?' is never raised."

Scoffs at Bible Account of Creation

Brunner scoffs at anyone who believes in the creation of man as recorded in Genesis. "The whole historic pictures of the first man has been finally and absolutely destroyed for us today . . . the pitiable comedy which is produced when theology claims that 'a higher, more perfect' human existence of the first generation existed in a sphere not accessible to research, as it retires before the relentless onward march of scientific research, should be abandoned, once for all, since it has for long provoked nothing but scorn and mockery, and has exposed the message of the church to the just reproach of 'living at the back of beyond.'—far more important than this external reason for giving up the story of Adam and Eve is an inner one . . ."

"We then deliberately renounce a form of belief (creation of Adam and Eve) which was never any real part of Christian theology, which only obscured its meaning, and burdened it with dubious suggestions."

In his book, *Eternal Hope*, Brunner continues using his hammer on the Bible: "It is in fact not to be disputed that in the Bible we find a world view which is not and can no longer be that of the modern man. It is equally indisputable that the statements of the Bible concerning the future are not only to some extent contradictory but are laden with mythological ideas which have become alien and partly even meaningless to us."

Anyone who takes the time to read through Brunner's works will find this attack upon the verbal inspiration and final authority of the Bible a continuous repetition. The foundation of his teachings is the premise that the Bible is not the verbally-inspired Word of

God and hence not our final authority. He subtly tells us that Jesus Christ is "the Word of God." "It is not the Old Testament narrative as such, but its meaning is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, which is the 'Word of God' in which alone we can understand ourselves."

But One Who Does Not Accept Jesus' Authentication of the Bible Is Not Christian

But if Jesus Christ be "the Word of God," let us go to Him to find out what our attitude should be to the Scriptures. Are we to believe in the Scriptures as the verbally-inspired Word of God and of absolute authority or, as Brunner—a collection of myths and only those parts revealing Christ as "the Word of God" to be taken authoritatively? Jesus appealed to the final authority of the Scriptures again and again.

When Jesus was tempted by Satan, His appeal was to the authority of the Scriptures. Matthew 4:4—"It is written . . ." Matthew 4:7—"It is written again . . ." Matthew 4:10—"For it is written . . ." When Jesus came into the temple, He cast out the money-changers and sellers of doves saying, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer . . ." (Matt. 21:13). Speaking of His coming sufferings, Jesus said, "The Son of man goeth as it is written . . ." (Matt. 26:24). Prophesying to His disciples that they would all forsake Him, He said, "All ye shall be offended because of me this night; for it is written . . ." (Matt. 26:31).

Jesus' appeal was to the authority and power of the Scriptures. Luke 10:25, 26: "And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?" Luke 18:31: ". . . and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished." Luke 21:22: ". . . that all things which are written may be fulfilled." Luke 22:37: "For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me."

In John 10:35, Jesus made one of His strongest and clearest statements: ". . . the scripture cannot be broken." In Matthew 19:4-6 Jesus confirmed the story

of the creation of our first parents, thus substantiating as true the record in Genesis 1:27 and on the same occasion He quoted as a true expression of God's will concerning married people what is recorded in Genesis 2:24.

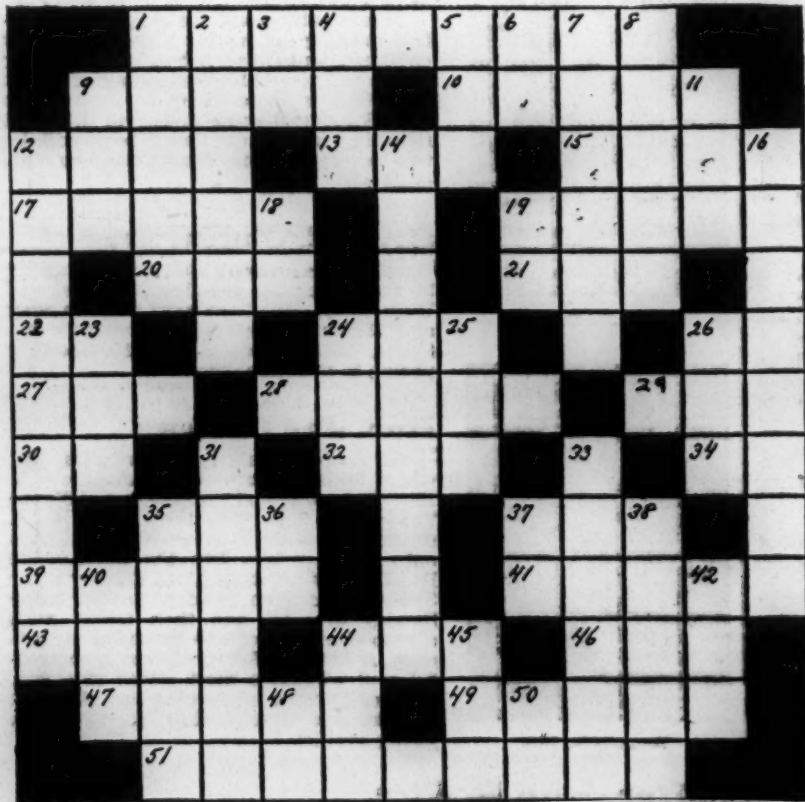
In Matthew 23:35 Jesus substantiated the accuracy of the record concerning the murder of Abel (Gen. 4:8). Thus He destroys any idea that the story of creation is a myth since Abel was the son of Adam and Eve.

Let no one be deceived. Jesus Himself held to the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. To Him the Scriptures were of final authority. Hence the Neo-orthodox position is WRONG. More than that, it is BLASPHEMOUS! These men are not honest, sincere seekers after truth worthy of being called Christians. They are deceivers, devils, wolves in sheep's clothing. They are not Christians but infidels. It is wrong to classify them as good men or as sincere Christians. It is wrong to fellowship with them. It is wrong to co-operate with them in revival campaigns and have them on the committees. They are leading untold men and women into Hell and the words of Paul apply directly to them—Galatians 1:9: "As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

1. *NEO-ORTHODOXY: What It Is and What It Does* by Charles Caldwell Ryrie. Moody Press. (pp. 12, 13).
2. "The Christian Doctrine of God," *Dogmatics*, Vol. 1, Emil Brunner, p. 47.
3. *Ibid.* p. 49.
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8. *Ibid.* p. 213.
9. *Ibid.* p. 240.
10. *Man in Revolt*, Emil Brunner, pp. 85, 86.
11. *Ibid.* p. 88.
12. *Eternal Hope*, Emil Brunner, p. 26.
13. *Man in Revolt* (*ibid.*) p. 84.

Why Work Puzzles?

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if your entry is correct. Incorrect entries will not be returned. SAVE THESE CARDS. THEY ARE IMPORTANT. When you have five cards, mail them to us, and you will receive your copies of the featured books-of-the-month for August. If you prefer a book(s) previously offered, please indicate your choice. Remember that some of the books require only four cards. The answer for Puzzle Number 35 will appear in the September 13 issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Have you ever wondered why you should work a puzzle? Listen to what some of the "Puzzle Brigade" have to say. One person informs us that working puzzles encourages him to "search the Scriptures." A family writes, "We have learned the order of the books of the Bible while working them." Many others enjoy the blessings of reading the books which are offered as prizes. Yes, and you will reap the same benefits. Why not send in your first puzzle this week? The selections for the month of August are *Bible Lessons on the Book of Revelation* and *Christ's Literal Reign on Earth* by Dr. John R. Rice. Don't miss them!

HERE ARE THE RULES. PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY.

1. Fill in the empty blanks according to the clues given. If you do not wish to cut up your copy of the paper, you may print the answers on a separate sheet of paper according to the clue numbers given. Answers must be complete and correct.

2. PRINT (not write) your name and address in the blank below the puzzle and mail to: UNCLE ROGER, THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Wheaton, Illinois. In order to have your entry counted correct, it must be postmarked by midnight, September 7, 1957. If your paper arrives after the deadline date, please send the answer and tell us the date that your paper arrived.

3. Each weekly entry will be checked, and you will receive a post card

Puzzle Number 35

Clews Across

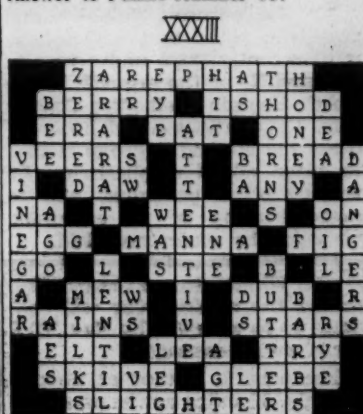
1. The wife of Aquila (Acts 18:2)
9. Deth see (Old English)
10. Pours as from the clouds
12. Saul was refreshed with David's playing of the ———— (I Sam. 16:23).
13. Before
15. The king of the beasts
17. John the Baptist was asked, "Art thou ————?"
19. A passage into which the pews of a church open
20. Untruth
21. What the eyes do
22. Royal Academy (abbr.)
24. Relative pronoun
26. An exclamation
27. The female of the sheep
28. A book of the New Testament
29. A black bird of the cuckoo family, a ———
30. Personal pronoun
32. The father of Abner (I Sam. 14:51)
34. Engineman (abbr.)
35. Streets (abbr.)
37. A mythological being, commonly a sprite
39. In the jail at Philippi Paul and ———— prayed and sang praises to God at midnight (Acts 16:25).
41. At the waters of ———— Joshua defeated the kings of northern Canaan (Josh. 11:7).
43. Let it stand, s ————
44. A small venomous snake of Egypt
46. The Lord said in Hosea 14:5, "I will be as the ———— unto Israel."
47. One who foresees events; a prophet (pl.)
49. A ministering spirit (Heb. 1:14)
51. An elder in the early Christian church.

Clews Down

1. A position of jeopardy; danger
2. Refunded; paid back
3. Island (abbr.)
4. Stephen (abbr.)
5. Wrath
6. Louisiana (abbr.)
7. Solomon in all of his glory was not arrayed like these (Luke 12:27).

8. An herb of the carrot family
9. Sal (Latin — Chem. and Pharm.)
11. The sun-god (Rom. Relig.)
12. Hebrew (feminine)
14. Romans 3:10 states, "There is none ————, no, not one."
16. Servants appointed for the service of the Levites in Ezra 8:20 (sing. form)
18. Southeast (abbr.)
19. Anglo-Saxon (abbr.)
23. Profound reverence; solemn wonder
24. Triumph; prevail
25. Of or belonging or relating to us
26. A number
31. The local coin unit, of gold or silver, in the Greek city-states
33. Promise; binding agreement
35. Slumber
36. Sunday School (abbr.)
37. Electrician's mate (abbr.)
38. One who frees or sets free, f ———— r
40. Possessive pronoun
42. A bird with large head and eyes with nocturnal habits
44. On one occasion this animal spoke to Baalam (Num. 22:28).
45. Compensate; reimburse
48. Royal Engineers (abbr.)
50. New Testament (abbr.)

Answer to Puzzle Number 33:



John 3:16 . . .

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gave—what? The silver and the gold which are His? No. Such a gift would cost Him nothing. The cattle on a thousand hills? No. Such a gift would cost Him nothing. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son—that cost Him everything. That is the measure of His love for you. When John says, "God gave," it means that He did something out of love for us—did it quite voluntarily, freely, without being forced. God loves us.

"That He Gave" Means Suffering

The Suffering of the Son.

Some one has said that His life was a continual crucifixion, and such it might be called. Through His whole life He was a "man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief."

In Life. From Bethlehem to Calvary the shafts of hatred and cruelty were directed against Him. He was scarcely come into the world when Herod sought His life. As an "infant of days" He was compelled to flee into Egypt. He suffered the pinch of poverty. He was born in a stable and laid in a manger. Undoubtedly the home of His youth was a poor one—the Son of God in the home of a carpenter. From Himself, when a man grown, came the statement, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." He was a homeless man.

He suffered the pangs of hunger. We miss one meal and say, "I'm starved!" I doubt if any of us know what real hunger is. He was forty days and nights without food, and the Spirit of God records: "He afterward hungered." Did you ever notice how interested He was in hungry people? He knew what they suffered.

He suffered the parch of thirst. He sat on the well and asked the woman of Samaria for a drink. Thirsty! But that thirst was as nothing in comparison to the thirst of Calvary. His mouth was dry as dust. He was like a vessel in the potter's kiln.

Stalker tells of a wounded soldier who lay on the battlefield in pain and suffering. After a time one agony outdid all the rest—it was the agony of thirst. The agonies of our Lord were all swallowed up in that one intense, tormenting, most intolerable agony that man can suffer, and He opened His parched, glazed lips to cry, "I thirst." He suffered the agony of the rich man in Hades who begged for one drop of water to cool his tongue.

He suffered the droop of weariness. His was a continual service, that ignored food and rest in behalf of others. He slept in a boat in the midst of a raging storm which would not permit others

to sleep, so worn was He. Nor did He awake until roused by His disciples.

He suffered the sting of slander. The Holy One was called a wine-bibber and a glutton. It was declared to Him that He did His work through Beelzebub, a filthy, unclean spirit. His enemies slapped Him in the face with: "We be not born of fornication," implying that He was.

He suffered the hurt of misunderstanding. Even His own did not understand Him. The Lord of Glory was hailed at the humbleness of His birth. The educated of His day sneered at the Omniscient One as "never having learned." Herod tried to make a county-fair buffoon out of Him. The King of kings was made a mock-king, with thorns for a crown, and a rotten reed for a scepter. He was called in derision the "friend of sinners."

He suffered the sadness of loneliness. He was in the world, but the world knew Him not. He was in the world, away from His home, away from His kind. He was alone, in life, in death—alone. He wrestled, sorrowed, suffered, died, alone.

He suffered the grief of estrangement. The crowds that followed Him to see His miracles, or to eat His bread, forsook Him to such an extent that He finally turned to His disciples and said, "Will ye also go away?" In His last hours they "all forsook him and fled."

He suffered the horror of anticipation. Anticipated evil is sometimes worse than the reality. He foreknew His sufferings and foretold them to His disciples, and, as Stalker says, "These communications grew more and more vivid and minute month by month, as if they were taking stronger hold on His imagination." This horror of anticipation culminated in Gethsemane.

He suffered the agony of temptation, or testing. Not only was He tested forty days in the wilderness, but He was tested and tried every day. Throughout all His life He endured the "contradiction of sinners against himself." He was tested by His Father. He was tested by Satan. He was tested by men. He was the Tested One.

He suffered the anguish of rejection. He was wounded in the house of His friends! The wounds of enemies are bad, but the wounds of friends much worse. Peter took an oath that he had never known this man Jesus. He was betrayed by one of His own. A chosen follower sold Him for thirty pieces of silver, and betrayed Him with a kiss—a kiss! The most notorious kiss in human history. He came into the world to save men, to make men His friends. He put His foot into a fallen world, and entered the circle of human society. He let His love shine in their haunts of sin. He was called in derision the "friend of publicans and sinners." Then men whom He loved cried out, "Away with Him!" Jews and Gentiles joined hands in crucifying the one who was their Friend. He was wounded in the house of His friends. He was rejected by the world; He was rejected by His nation; He was rejected by His country; He was rejected by His city; He was rejected by His kindred; He was rejected by His friends. He was even rejected by His God!

These sufferings and many more He endured for us. They were necessary. "It behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful High Priest." "In that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted." "We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities." He knows from experience what sorrow means. He knows a wounded spirit, a burdened soul, a bleeding, broken heart. He suffered bitterly to enter into our sufferings that we might have a sympathizing Saviour. In sorrow we can lay our head upon His bosom.

In death. He went to Calvary from Gethsemane—the place of

the olive press. Go with Him to Gethsemane, and hear Him exclaim, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death." "Oh, my father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me." "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." The moon was full and clear that night, but He was in the inky shadows cast by the olive trees, going through the darkest experience of His career. He was in an agony strange to men, to angels, to demons. Sometimes we sing, "I'll go with Him through the garden." Better not sing it. You'll never go into that garden experience. You cannot, for you are sinful, while He was sinless. You cannot understand that fact. There was in Him no twist or taint of sin, yet He must accept sin with all its dread consequences. Calvary was in Gethsemane. The cross was there in anticipation. He carried the cross before He ever went up the hill called Calvary. It was that anticipated separation from God that made Him sweat blood. Someone says, "Yes, but that experience was for a short time only." Short? As if such experiences could ever be measured by the clock! A man can live eternally in an hour. No clock can ever tick! tick! tick! the length of time to our Lord when God's face was hidden from Him.

We can't understand. He came out of that garden with His white garment crimson spotted. He had ceased to sweat water. He had sweat blood.

He went from the garden to the hands of men—the Creator in the hands of His creatures. Here one clenched his fist and smote Him in the face. There another wrapped his hand in the beard of our Lord and plucked away hair, skin and flesh. Another puckered up his lips and spat full into that blessed face. My soul! They spit upon Him! They spit upon Him! They crowned Him with thorns. They beat Him over the head with a rod. They scourged Him. The scourging was torture—indeed, it tortured many a man to death. The scourged one had wrists bound to ankles, with the back bared. The leather thongs of the scourge, into which bits of steel and stone and bone had been knitted, wrapped themselves round the body of the victim, sometimes smashing out eyes, or teeth, cutting flesh to shreds. They scourged Him!

They crucified Him. The agonies of the cross were so extreme that they were pronounced the utmost torment possible. The cross was the most extreme punishment that man has ever inflicted. "The extension of the limbs after scourging, the impossibility of making the slightest change or motion without occasioning suffering; the piercing of the hands and the feet, the exposure of the lacerated flesh and the wounds to the action of the hot burning sun and air, hour after hour, the sense of indignity and contempt, which was the most bitter, malicious, and unsparing that can be conceived, all conspired to make this the most dreaded death of all modes of execution."

Thus Christ suffered—stripped, scourged, pierced on the cross.

Ye that pass by, behold the Man! The Man of Grief, condemned for you,

The Lamb of God for sinners slain, Weeping, to Calvary pursue.

His sacred limbs they stretch, they tear

With nails they fasten to the wood;

His sacred limbs exposed and bare,

Are only covered with His blood.

A woman in New York City was showing a girl Tintoretto's great picture of the crucifixion. To the right in the picture is a cross with one of the thieves nailed to it. On the left is the other thief, just being nailed to his cross. The soldiers have stretched him out and some are brutally holding down his hands, while another is driving the spikes through the tender palms. He is resisting with all his might, and filling the air with groans and curses. In the center of the picture is Christ. He is

already crucified. The soldiers have stretched Him out on the cross, and the nails have been driven through His hands and His feet. The soldiers have taken the cross with its heavy burden, and dropped it into the deep hole prepared. As the cross sank into its place and the terrible strain fell upon His hands and feet, an agony was produced that no tongue could express.

The artist has brought out the expression with startling vividness. As the woman showed the picture to the girl, and tried to describe the crucifixion, the girl, eyes widening with horror, finally said: "O-o-oh! You don't mean to say that Jesus was crucified ALIVE?"

Alive! Oh, yes, we have no conception of the unearthly sufferings He endured in death—sufferings that broke His heart.

These sufferings were necessary. Only through such sufferings could the Captain of our salvation be made perfect (Heb. 2:10). Make no mistake about this perfection. He was ever perfect in Person, but He could not be a perfect Saviour apart from sufferings and death, for such are the wages of sin. He was made a little lower than the angels that He might taste death for every man (Heb. 2:9).

In judgment. His sufferings from men were as nothing in comparison to the judgment of God which rested upon Him. The malice of Hell was in the hatred of men loosed against Him at the cross. No suffering which could be invented but was added to His cup. His outward sufferings were practically forgotten when God inflicted Him with the just judgment against our transgressions. God's curse consists of what is far worse than bodily pain. He suffered penal sorrow, of which we know nothing. We have experienced nothing but mercy at God's hand.

We have never tasted one drop of the cup whose dregs the Saviour drained. He suffered immediately at the hand of God. No wonder Sodom and Gomorrah were burned with fire; but, oh! why did God visit the fire of His wrath upon the Son of His love? Because God is the avenger of sin. It is God's honor that is vindicated. It is God's law that is magnified. He was shut out from God that we might eternally be shut in with God. He suffered Hell for us when He cried, "My God! My God! why hast thou forsaken me?"

Bishop Ryle said, "Real and literal must have been our Lord's substitution for us, when He could speak of Himself as forsaken." Christ was taking the place of the lost. One has written: "It is the picture of an eclipsed God and a lost soul." There is nothing in all the annals of the human race like this. When Stephen died, the grace of God was so sufficient that his face shone. Stephen did not cry, "Forsaken!" Martyrs have praised God in death, but on the cross, out of an endless eternity of fellowship, came that cry from Christ's lips. Sinner, the torment of a single sin is infinitely worse than the cross, the nails, the spear.

These sufferings were necessary. It is appointed unto man once to die, and after death the judgment. That is God's official pronouncement upon a race of sinners, so He must suffer judgment and death. These sufferings were for our sins. Had it not been for our sins the fiends of Hell might have raged, but would not have been suffered to have any power against Him. Had it not been for our sins, His human enemies would have been restrained from injuring a hair of His head. Had it not been for our sins, God's arm would never have been stretched out against Him—yea, it would sooner have forgotten its cunning. No, "none of the ransomed ever knew how deep were the waters crossed, or how dark was the night that the Lord passed through to save that one that was lost."

The Sufferings of the Father

We must remember, when we say God so loved the world, that God so loved His Son! God's love for the Son was much greater than His love for the world. His love for His Son was an ineffable

love. Consider how near the Son was to the Father. He was His only Son. He was the Son of His love. God calls Him His dear Son. We cannot understand that in—
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With the Evangelists

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Antonio, Texas, reports a good meeting with **EVANGELIST FREDDIE GAGE** of 7709 Bearden Lane, Dallas, Texas, and his singer, Jimmy Snellen of Garland, Texas. During the revival, held July 7-14, there were 30 professions of faith in Christ, 14 who joined the church by letter; there were 101 rededications to Christ, and 32 family altars established.

Rev. D. W. Copeland, pastor of the Wells Baptist Church, O'Donnell, Texas, reports a good meeting with **EVANGELIST LARRY TAYLOR** of 160 Hermine Street, San Antonio, Texas, and Gospel Singer Charles Altimore of Hearne, Texas. During the revival, there were 9 who came for baptism; 4 joined the church by letter and statement, over 20 made rededication of their lives to Christ, and over 50 young people took a stand against liquor. One surrendered to the ministry, also. Brother Copeland highly recommends Brother Taylor and his singer as a fine, Spirit-filled team which would be a blessing to any church.

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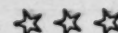
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At commencement time, we who are trustees of Bob Jones University were pleased at the fine, sound financial condition of the University. The thrifty, strong business management through the years, with the continued blessing of God, has built up a great plant. Now the annual auditor's report comes, to show that Bob Jones University has a plant and assets worth over \$19 million. We believe that no Christian school in America has been so blessed in a short life of only thirty years.

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Meet Us in Pueblo, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, etc.!

This is written on Monday, August 12, and before you read it, we will be in three conferences on revival and soul winning: at the Bill Rice Ranch; at Faith Baptist Tabernacle, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia (our second conference there this year). Then September 29 to October 2, Dr. Bob Jones, Rev. Joe Carlson, and this editor will be in such a conference at Pueblo, Colorado. A little later, similar conferences sponsored by the Sword of the Lord will be held in Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia, D.V.

We have been troubled for years because we cannot accept all the invitations that come, and sometimes invitations to the same place come again and again. But it seems wise that, in the limited time we can be on the field away from the office, we should go where as large plans as possible are made to reach many preachers and Christian workers, or where large revival plans are made. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., and this editor will work together on such conferences sponsored by the Sword of the Lord and aided by some of the most successful soul winners and church builders in America, where there is a good opportunity to reach multitudes with the Gospel and to reach a great number of preachers and Christian workers. We hope to stir revival fires, to teach people how to win souls, to inspire people to wait on God for power, and to encourage people to stand true and faithful to Christ and the Bible.

In Winston-Salem, the Christian Businessmen's Committee offered to put two half-page ads in the paper and sponsor a Sunday afternoon mass meeting in the high school auditorium. Faith Baptist Tabernacle will set up two luncheons for an extensive group of pastors. In Pueblo, some eleven churches will co-operate, and both bed and meals will be furnished free to out-of-town preachers, who will come from the whole Rocky Mountain area, we believe. If a church or churches or group of pastors in your area would like to be host to such a conference for four days or more, and if large plans are made, we will try to arrange a time and set up such a conference. A Pentecost would come to America if we could get thousands of preachers together in such conferences, waiting on God, confessing sins, then launching out in strong faith to win souls. If we can only see happen in the centers of America what happened at Lake Louise, June 30 to July 5, it will mark a new day in power, in convictions, in souls won, in genuine revival in the churches in America.

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John 3:16 . . .

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finite, holy love, nor can we understand that gift of love for the world. That love wants a name, which made the Father of mercies deliver His Son to such miseries for us. It breaks our hearts to see our children struggling in the pangs of death. Would I stand within the windows of my house and look upon my son in the hands of an angry mob—a mob that smote him, spit upon him, and tried to kill him? Indeed, no! I would rush into the midst of that mob and do my best to rend them limb from limb to save my son! Indeed, I would! The Father in Heaven saw the motley crowd take the Son of His love and smite Him, and spit upon Him, and scourge Him, and crucify Him! With one blast of His lips God could have scattered that Christ-crucifying crowd; with His hand God could have swept that murderous crowd into an eternal Hell. But, wonder of wonders! When God saw all this, He held the breath of His lips, He stayed His hand—God GAVE!

The Son suffered, oh, yes, but know that every thorn of that scourge that wrapped itself around the body of the Son, wrapped itself round the heart of the Father! Every thorn that pierced the brow of the Son pierced the heart of the Father. Every nail that pierced the hands and feet of the Son pierced the heart of the Father. The rough Roman spear that was thrust into the side of the Son was thrust into the heart of the Father. "God so loved the world, that he GAVE."

"That He Gave" Means Substitution

Is it not plain to you that because God is just He must judge sin? Our God would be no God were He not just. His justice is as high as His love. A just God can have no mercy upon sin. Let me emphasize that there never was, there never will be mercy for sin. There is mercy for the sinner, but none for sin. I am forgiven, but my sins were laid on Christ and judged in His person. The reason there is mercy for the sinner is that God gave His Son to justice in our stead.

"That he gave" means that God gave His Son up into the hands of justice. Even as the condemned criminal is by the sentence of the law delivered into the hands of the executioner, so God delivered up His Son.

Here is a man in the death cell. The morning of execution arrives. The door of the cell is opened and the condemned man steps out into the hands of His executioners. In their hands he marches to the gallows. In the hands of the executioners he is set upon the trap, his hands are bound, the black bag is placed over his head, and the rope is around his neck. The executioner springs the trap and the body shoots down to death. Justice is done.

Just as that murderer was delivered into the hands of the executioners that justice might be done, so Jesus Christ was delivered into the hands of the executioners, who led Him away to Calvary and crucified Him—that

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Dayton Conference Moved to Minneapolis

In THE SWORD OF THE LORD for August 16, we announced a Sword conference at Dayton Baptist Temple, Dayton, Ohio, for October 13-20. Because of a building program which ties up the auditorium longer than expected, that conference has been moved to the Fourth Baptist Church, Minneapolis, October 13 through 18. Speakers are to include Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Dr. Lee Roberson, and this editor, and we trust there will be a state-wide hearing of pastors. The Dayton conference will be held next year, God willing.

JUSTICE might be done. The difference between the murderer and Christ is that the murderer died for his own crime, while Christ died for our sins. When the murderer stood upon the trap of death the penalty for his own crime was upon his own head; when Christ was nailed to the accursed tree the penalty of my sin was upon His head.

This thought is given to us in an old Irish poem from which we quote a stanza concerning the mother of us all—Eve:

"I am Eve, great Adam's wife,
'Twas my guilt took Jesus' life,
Since of Heaven I robbed my race,
On His cross was my true place."

It is a good thing to own to our true place, that we may know what it meant when He took our place.

"Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood."

"That He Gave" Means Salvation

God gave His Son that we might be saved. That plan came out of the mind and heart of God. DeWitt Talmage said: "No elaborate thinking is necessary to understand our religion. You have only to put two ideas together; the one is the saddest in the universe, and the other is the gladdest: I am a sinner, but Jesus died for me." "God spared not his Son" is now explained. God could not save His Son and save us at the same time.

The keeper of a drawbridge over a great river heard the thunder of the approaching train, and just then his little child, playing by his side, rolled down the sharp embankment into the mad stream. He knew that if he plunged down after his child he would not close the drawbridge, and the trainload of passengers would plunge to death. He hesitated just a moment, and then slowly swung the great bridge out to its place. Then he plunged into the wild waters and pulled out his dead child. This is a finite, weak illustration, but, listen—he couldn't save both. "God spared not his Son"—He couldn't save both.

God did not save His Son, that He might save us to the uttermost. God condemned His Son, though innocent, that He might acquit us, though guilty. The Son was crowned with thorns that we might be crowned with glory; He was stripped of His raiment that we might be robed in righteousness; He was mocked that we might be honored; He was reviled that we might be blessed; He was numbered with the transgressors that we might be numbered with the redeemed; He went to the depths of degradation that we might be lifted to the heights of glory; He suffered an awful separation from God that we might dwell eternally with God.

"God gave." Have you accepted? We read somewhere of a lad whose parents were dead, and who was compelled to live with a married sister. Apparently the sister took her brother in because no other provision could be made for him. She seemed not to love him; she treated him coolly and disdainfully, causing him great grief. He worked, and saved his pennies until he had about fifty; then he bought a gift for that sister whom he loved—gave every penny he had for it. "It's for you," he said, as he handed it to her, with hope in his heart that she would understand his love, and love him in return. His sister merely glanced at the gift, dropped it to the floor, set her foot upon it and—set her foot upon the boy's heart at the same time.

Is that the way you treat God's love gift?

We close by saying that God's pardon through His Son must be received before it becomes pardon. In Pennsylvania, in 1829-30, George Wilson was found guilty of robbing the United States mails and of murder. Great interest was aroused in the case, and because much of the evidence which brought conviction was circumstantial, some friends prevailed upon President Andrew Jackson to grant Wilson a pardon. How-

ever, when the pardon was presented to Wilson he refused to accept it. Then a question arose: What was the status of George Wilson? Was he a pardoned man, or not? Such a point of law never before had been reached in the United States. The President was urged to call the Supreme Court at once to decide what was to be done. The day of execution was drawing near, and the sheriff did not know what to do. Finally one of the greatest judges our country has had, Chief Justice John Marshall, handed out this decision: "A pardon is a paper, the value of which depends upon its acceptance by the person implicated. It is hardly to be supposed that one under the sentence of death would refuse to accept a pardon, but if it is refused, it is no pardon. George Wilson must hang."

God's gift of pardon through His Son is no pardon unless accepted.

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